(b) if so, whether Government have given necessary clearances/ permissions to A.P. Government to enter a MoU to Bothli STARK for Joint Venture; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government earlier rejected permission to Andhra Pradesh Mining Development Corporation for Mining the beach sand because it is detrimental to the existence of Olive Ridley Tortoise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN): (a) Yes, Sir. The State Government of Andhra Pradesh has entered into MoU with M/s. Stork/Bothli Trade AG, Switzerland to form a Joint Venture with Andhra Pradesh Mineral Development Corporation Limited (APMDC) to take up mining of heavy minerals and establish value added Titanium Metal producing plant with a capital outlay of Rs. 4,600 crore.

(b) No, Sir. Under the existing Policy on Exploitation of Beach Sand Minerals notified by the Department of Atomic Energy on 6.10.1998, it is permissible for Central/State PSUs to participate in joint venture with foreign equity participation upto 74% for setting up pure value addition projects as well as integrated projects with value addition upto any intermediate stage.

(c) A proposal of the Indian Rare Earths Limited (IREL), a PSU under the Department of Atomic Energy to develop the Beemli Beach sand deposits and set up a value addition plant alongwith APMDC and National Mineral Development Corporation, a PSU under the Ministry of Steel could not be implemented as the project was found not viable in the light of restrictions imposed for environmental clearance along the beach where Olive Redley Turtles are seasonally found.

Turnover of BSNL

*251. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd. is considering to double its turnover to US dollar 20 billion in the next three years;

(b) whether is is also a fact that BSNL is also making efforts for network upgradation and capacity building; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI DAYANIDHI MARAN): (a) to (c) BSNL has planned for following addition in its customer base in next three years besides continuous upgradation of its network:

Type of Equipment	Net addition in Customers
GSM Mobile	108 Million
Broadband	18 Million
Wireless in local loop (WLL)	8 Million

Revenue of BSNL is expected to increase from the present level of US $ 9 Billion to US $ 20 Billion during 2010-11.

Deficiencies in Master Plan-2021

†*252. SHRI MAHENDRA SAHNI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have approved the proposed Master Plan 2021 for Delhi which carries a lot of deficiencies;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) if not, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) to (c) The Central Government has notified the Master Plan for Delhi with the perspective for the year 2021 (MPD-2021) on 7th February, 2007, in exercise of powers vested in the Central Government under the Delhi Development Act, 1957 and after following the prescribed statutory procedure. Extensive consultation was undertaken before notifying the MPD-2021.

The MPD-2021 represents a new direction for urban planning in National Capital Territory of Delhi to meet the requirements of the projected population of 230 lakh by 2021. Provisions for housing sector include incentivised redevelopment with additional FAR, shift from plotted housing to group housing for optimal utilization of land; Private sector participation for development/redevelopment of housing, in-situ rehabilitation of slums/JJ Clusters, and mandatory provision of EWS housing in all group housing.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.